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In re Application of:

Ralf OTTO et al.

Application No.: 09/551,581

Filed: April 18, 2000

For: CLOSURE APPLIANCE FOR  
REAGENT CONTAINER

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action of October 8, 2002, a request for a three month extension of time being filed herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 7, fourth full paragraph, please amend to read:

The reagent-container stopper (13) is opened and closed by the plunger (11), which moves relative to the reagent container (12). The plunger (11) engages on a catch (15) on the stopper (13) to be opened, and opens the lid (14) at a predetermined position. The reagent container (12) moves relative to the plunger (11) on the reagent-

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